GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2246
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PROBLEMS OF TOBACCO FARMERS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agriculture Research (I.C.A.R.) has asked Central Tobacco Research Institute (C.T.R.I.) to properly represent the problems affecting tobacco farmers in various Committees of different Ministries;

(b) if so, whether C.T.R.I. is not active and alert in such matter;

(c) whether I.C.A.R. propose to monitor such activities and decisions of C.T.R.I. to protect tobacco farmers; and

(d) if so, the details of steps proposed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) ICAR has asked CTRI to i) attend meetings of Tobacco Board under Ministry of Commerce to represent the problems affecting tobacco farmers, and ii) arrive at proper solutions for the benefit of tobacco farming community in the country.

(b) No, Sir. CTRI is rather quite active and alert in such matters, and is working for the benefit of tobacco growers as per the mandate of the Institute.

(c) ICAR is already monitoring activities and decisions of CTRI.

(d) Like in all other Institutions under ICAR, Research Advisory Committee, Management Committee, Staff Research Council and Quinquennial Review Teams are consulted on a regular basis to monitor R & D activities and decisions of CTRI.